

Literary Items.

Among the English announcements of works of fiction for the coming season will be found a new novel, by the author of John Halifax; a new work by the author of Mary Powell; Master and Pupil, by Mrs. Macmillan; The Mill in the Valley, a Tale of German Rural Life; and Deborah's Diary, a Sequel to Mary Powell.

It is stated that the Emperor of Russia has authorized the students of the University of Moscow to translate several modern and illustrated works into the Russian language, to be published at the cost of the University.

The second and only surviving son of Monet died at Mian, Oct. 20, in his 80th year.

The library of the late Dariusz Turner, of Great Yarmouth, England, was recently sold by auction. The collection was rich in illustrated volumes, privately printed works, etc. The manuscript library, which contained over 40,000 autographs and several series of letters of eminent literary and scientific men, was very valuable.

The health of Sheridan Kessler is still in a delicate state. He is to pass the Winter at Cadiz, on a visit to Dr. Gorman.

Mr. William Reid, well-known as the author of valuable works on the Laws of Hibernia and the Theory of Storms, died in London on the 9th October, at the age of 87.

An enlarged and improved edition of Mr. Hale's "Complete Dictionary of Poetical Quotations," has just been issued by J. B. Lippincott & Co. The volume contains extracts, arranged under appropriate heads, embracing all subjects, from over four hundred European and American authors.

The Emperor Alexander has presented a diamond ring to the principal editor of the *Avant-courier* of St. Petersburg.

Professor Rankin has nearly finished the History of England in the 16th and 17th Centuries, on which he has been long occupied. It is founded, to a considerable extent, on State papers.

Mr. Leslie, the Royal Academician, is engaged in writing the life of Sir Joshua Reynolds. Mr. Leslie, says the *Illustrated London News*, will make the fourth Royal Academician who has tried his hand at Sir Joshua's life. We have memoirs of the Knight of Plympton, by Northcote, R.A., his pupil; by Partridge, R.A., his friend; and by Phillips, R.A., who set up his level within a very few years of Sir Joshua's death, and lived in habits of intimacy with many who knew the great painter well.

A London journal publishes the following amusing anecdote of David Garrick, from an unprinted letter of Lord Hertford, dated 1764:

"Garrick stayed with us some time longer. I do not think he seems impatient to adventure himself in England; his health is indifferent, he has no mind to return yet. He is much amused in Paris, even by those who do not know him; it is a failure to think him excellent. He is to dine here next week with some French ladies of great distinction who have solicited this favor. Madame de Chaligny will likewise be invited, when Garrick arrives, with great reason. I do not know that he has any other favorite at the French court, except Prevost, a very celebrated comedian here, whom Garrick has once before played with, and with great success. They met the other day upon a public walk here, and in conversing upon their profession, Garrick told Prevost how to act the part for playing it himself; the other was tempted to improve upon so good a model, and they both performed so naturally that they assembled a crowd around them to see what would be the end of the dramatic fight."

Mr. Hope Scott, whose death is just announced in the English papers, was the grand-daughter of Sir Walter Scott, and the daughter of Mr. John Gibson Lockhart. She was married a few years since to Mr. Hope Scott, the eminent barrister, who took the latter surname on his acceding to the Abbotsford estate.

Mr. Bayard Taylor will lecture before the Midway Association of South Boston, on the evening of December 11th. Mr. Taylor has already made more than one hundred lecturing engagements for the Winter, and does not, it is said, accept any further applications.

A weekly newspaper, entitled *The Constitution*, is about to be established in this city, under the editorial charge of Mr. Paul Benjamin. Mr. George Roberts is named as the publisher. The reading community of New York ought to welcome a new weekly literary paper; and every new journal promising talent, talent, and independence, deserves a warm welcome. Success to you, gentlemen!

Mr. T. L. Crowne, No. 229 Broadway, announced a new and enlarged edition of "Mrs. Crowne's American Lady's System of Cookery," an invaluable book for "down states." We commend the work to the attention of our lady readers.

Mr. T. Buchanan Reed, who recently returned from France, has announced his studies in this city.

Among the illustrations of the three volumes of "The Shakespearean Sketches," with forty-five ideal portraits, described by Mrs. J. W. Palmer, published by the Appletons; and "Duty and Jackson's" "Woman of Supply and Heroism, from Sembrance to Eglar," with fifteen steel engravings, edited by Frank R. Goodrich.

Five large editions of the three volumes of "The Shakespearean Sketches" have already been exhausted in America. The reprint of these productions has met with a corresponding success. Messrs. Ticknor & Fields have just issued new editions of all three volumes, and will print a fourth volume simultaneously with its appearance in London. A volume of lectures and addresses on social and literary topics, by the same author, is to be brought out next month.

Mr. Crowne, 229 Broadway, is receiving subscriptions for Professor Alden's translation of *Parnassus of Parnassus*, with an introduction on the Literature of Parnassus, by Professor Alden. Price \$2. Revised of the most distinguished names in the country, are already on the subscription list.

On Thursday evening, Mr. John G. Lane delivered his new poem, "Love in all Phases," before the Mercantile Literary Association of this city.

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Notes of Books.

Two new romances, *A Tale of the South Sea*, and *Domestic Life in the South Sea*, by the author of John Halifax, are announced for the coming season.

If memory be not playing a trick, Mr. George P. Putnam published the first volume, some two years since, with the title of "Hector," the hero of the story. "That which we call a man, by any other name would smell as sweet," said the importance of moral instruction, and the value we place on the title of a book which has become famous as a moral or religious work, are very different things. The question of publishing old books as new ones, and, conversely, it is a custom in this city and elsewhere, cannot be too severely denounced. "The Four Sisters," or "Hector," is a charming book. Frederick Bremer is fortunate in having an admirable translator as Mary Howitt.

Don't you know, or, Three Ocean and Two Coast. By T. Robinson Warren. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

The author has led a wild, roving life, going to the ends of the earth, to South America, California, Australia, the Sandwich Islands, China, and some of the islands in the China Sea. The record of his adventures and observations is pleasant and interesting. His style is not the best, but he takes a practical, business view of the manners and customs of the people he meets. His account of the stability of society in Australia, with the disintegration of California, leads us to find the cause in the settled character of the Englishman as compared with the roving American, a class whose disposition the author's own story illustrates. He gives an account of the leader of the recent Chinese rebellion, representing him in the character of a religious enthusiast. His attempt to justify the Chinese, saying that it is for the Chinese's best interests, notwithstanding the numbers that die of the plague. He gives the view of the man of the world, on the effect of Christianity and civilization upon the Sandwich Islanders. The book closes with the prospect of a scheme for steam communication with South America.

Books Received at the Office of The Saturday Press.

Isabella Ordeal. By F. D. Goodman. Translated by Mrs. M. J. Goodman. New York: Harper & Brothers.

History of the French Revolution. By William H. D. Symonds, M.D. New York: T. J. Crowne.

Every Woman her Own Lawyer. By George Hays. New York: Dick & Fitzgerald.

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